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TAGS: CARR, SOPN, GH (LANGE, JAMES GORDON)

SUBJECT: DETENTION IN GHANA OF JAMES GORDON LANGE

REF: A) ACCRA 1261; B) ACCRA 1395; C) LONDON 2919;  
D) ACCRA 1499; E) LONDON 3137

1. LANGE VISITED GHANA DESK OFFICER MARCH 8 AND CONFIRMED INFORMATION IN REFTELS CONCERNING HIS ARREST. HE SAID FURTHER HE WAS ARRESTED BY, OR INVITED TO ACCOMPANY, SPECIAL BRANCH POLICE ON LEAVING OFFICE OF SUPERVISING EDITOR GYAWA KYEM OF THE GHANA TIMES. LANGE WAS DOUBLY SURPRISED BECAUSE HOUR-LONG CONVERSATION WITH KYEM WAS VERY CORDIAL, AND KYEM SEEMED TO APPROVE LANGE'S RESEARCH. LANGE HAD THOUGHT HE HAD TOUCHED ALL BASES IN GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSITY BEFORE STARTING RESEARCH.

2. LANGE GUESSED EDITOR KYEM IS ANTI-UNIVERSITY AND  
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ANTI-AMERICAN, AND PICKED ON HIM AS AMERICAN FRIEND OF UNIVERSITY JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT. LANGE CAN THINK OF NO OTHER REASON FOR HIS ARREST, SAYING RESEARCH WAS WHOLLY INNOCUOUS.

3. LANGE SAID HE HAD SEEN AMBASSADOR QUAISON-SACKEY MORNING OF MARCH 8. AMBASSADOR WAS CORDIAL AND APOLOGETIC,

ASKED FOR INFORMATION, AND ADVISED THAT DUST BE ALLOWED

TO SETTLE.

4. LANGE WAS SATISFIED AT EFFORTS OF CONSULAR OFFICER  
ON HIS BEHALF, AND GRATIFIED TO LEARN THAT AMBASSADOR  
SMITH HAD INTERVENED FOR HIM AT HIGH LEVEL. APPRECIATE  
EMBASSY'S EFFORTS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORM-  
ATION AS AVAILABLE.

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